



SUMMARY MINUTES

ABAG CALFED Task Force Legislative/Governance Sub-Committee Interim Meeting

February 19, 2003

Conference Room A, 101 8th Street, Oakland CA 94607-4756

Members Present

Al Donner
Doug Wallace
Greg Zlotnick (Vice-Chairman)
Julia Maclay
Mike Rippey (Chairman)
Robert Raab
Steven Ellis
Tim Anderson

Jurisdiction

Contra Costa Water District
East Bay Municipal Utility District
Santa Clara Valley Water District
Santa Clara Valley Water District
County of Napa
Friends of the Estuary
Zone 7 Water Agency
Sonoma County Water Agency

ABAG/CALFED Staff Present

Kathleen Van Velsor
Mary Selkirk

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The subcommittee members considered three pieces of draft correspondence to Senator Machado regarding the implementation of Proposition 50 (revisions to Mary Selkirk's draft Task Force correspondence) and deliberated over suitable Proposition 50 language, leading to a revised letter.

Task Force co-chair, Greg Zlotnick, commented that the block grant funding was a red flag to many water district general managers who need more information. He is looking for language that will work for everyone.

Task Force chair, Mike Rippey, commented on the need to transcend local project funding issues in favor of a regional approach. Chair Rippey would like to carry a strong message to Sacramento that doesn't waver about the need for secured regional funding.

Eugene Leong described the process of regional transportation funding as a possible model for the Task Force and Proposition 50 implementation.

EBMUD submitted revisions to Julia Maclay's draft correspondence and emphasized the importance of moving forward to influence funding criteria to secure adequate funding for the Bay Area. Doug Wallace of EBMUD announced that it will continue to participate in the Task

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Force legislative communications on this topic, while soliciting support for an Assembly bill that will earmark funding for special projects.

Kathleen Van Velsor of ABAG reported on an integrated regional approach to Prop. 50 implementation identified by DWR at a meeting hosted by Machado. Doug Wallace remarked that this applies to Chapter 8 of the Bond and that DWR is fairly far along in their thinking about state/regional coordination and methods for grant distribution.

Sonoma County Water Agency staff indicated their general support for the Task Force legislative approach, while asking for consideration of a regional citizens advisory committee. Greg Zlotnick suggested that the Task Force already acted in this capacity so it may be duplicative.

Contra Costa Water District staff reported that they could agree on Task Force language and will send separate correspondence on this topic to the Senator and distribute copies to the members of the Task Force.

After a brief discussion about additional circulation of the correspondence, the members requested that Julia MacClay and Kathleen Van Velsor finalize the letter and arrange for its immediate distribution.

Members discussed possible dates for meeting with Senator Machado and his staff in March to deliver a coordinated message of support for regional Proposition 50 implementation pending staff coordination.